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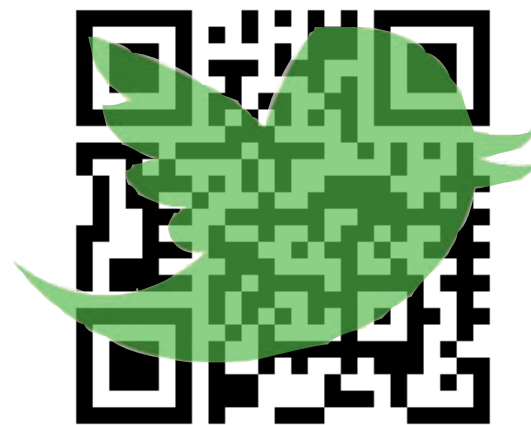
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SGA looks to establish gender-neutral restroom

By JARED CASTO
THE PARTHENON

Marshall Student Government passed resolutions during Tuesday's meeting to request the establishment of a gender-neutral restroom in the Memorial Student Center and to investigate the institution of a collegiate drug addiction recovery program.

Sen. David Crawley spoke on behalf of the resolution to establish a gender-neutral restroom in the MSC, saying there are already gender-neutral bathrooms present on campus in high-traffic areas such as Drinko Library and the Marshall Rec Center.

According to Crawley, the resolution does not call for creating new facilities, but rather converting some existing facilities into "gender neutral" or "family" restrooms.

"It's not doing any work on the bathrooms themselves, it's just replacing the plaque," Crawley said.

Treasurer Matt Jarvis said several universities in the state, such as West Virginia University, already have these types of facilities and establishing them at Marshall would be another way to bring the university into the 21st century.

Additionally, Jarvis said a gender-neutral bathroom would provide comfortability for transgender students, but would also provide family restrooms for those in need of them.

"Obviously this really does

really help the transgender community, but don't limit it to just that," Jarvis said. "We have parents bringing their kids. If you're a father and you want to go to the restroom when you have your daughter with you, these are going to be accessible for them."

Sen. Lora Walker spoke to the senate about her resolution to investigate the establishment of a collegiate recovery program at Marshall University. The program would provide support for students recovering from drug addiction.

According to Walker, WVU is currently in the process of launching its own collegiate recovery program and her resolution is to investigate if a similar program is possible at Marshall.

"This resolution is just establishing a base-level way to investigate what we can do here to help students through the recovery process and encourage them to continue their college education," Walker said.

Walker said a collegiate recovery program would be similar to having an advisor who also doubles as a counselor to assist with addiction problems that could interfere with a student's academic career.

"This wouldn't be a 12-step program," Walker said. "It's more like they set you up with a person to talk to throughout and tell you how to schedule what's good for the rest of your college career."



JARED CASTO | THE PARTHENON

SGA Treasurer Matt Jarvis addresses the SGA senate Tuesday. SGA passed a resolution to change existing restroom facilities to gender-neutral as well as a resolution to investigate the institution of a collegiate drug addiction recovery program.

The resolution to investigate the establishment of a collegiate recovery program at Marshall passed.

President pro tempore Alex O'Donnell asked members to reflect on their accomplishments during session 73 of the student senate. O'Donnell personally thanked the senate for promoting student involvement with this fall's

presidential search.

"That's a really good function of the university that most SGA people don't get to experience," O'Donnell said. "You guys did, and you guys were really good at it."

Student body president Duncan Waugaman echoed O'Donnell's sentiment and said student opinion garnered by SGA was instrumental in

choosing Jerome Gilbert as the 37th president of the university.

Adviser Matt James said he was excited the diversity of student government has increased since he began advising.

"When I was in SGA, it was a lot of the same types of students," James said. "It's nice when people bring different issues to the table and you guys debate. That's the purpose of

this body."

The senate also passed funding bills for Marshall University Young Democrats and Women's Lacrosse.

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UNITED WAY HONORS DONORS, VOLUNTEERS, ADVOCATES WITH ANNUAL LUNCHEON

By ELAYNA CONARD
THE PARTHENON

Over 100 community members gathered in the St. Mary's Conference Center noon Tuesday to celebrate the 2015 accomplishments of the United Way of the River Cities. Partners, donors and volunteers reflected on the presence United Way programs provided to the city of

Huntington and recognized new initiatives for the 2016 year.

Executive director Laura Gilliam thanked those in attendance for the efforts and introduced a new 2016 president for the upcoming year.

"They know who we are but they just don't know what we do," said 2016 president Charles Schumacher as he spoke to donors, volunteers and advocates about how he hopes the United Way of the River Cities will increase its presence in the upcoming year. The United Way supports and funds many programs in Huntington, often times without recognition of who has made the support possible.

Programs such as Recovery Point, a drug addiction treatment center in Huntington, attributes its success to its partnership with the United Way of the River Cities. Executive director for Recovery Point Matt Boggs referred to the number of men recovering from addiction because of the facility when he spoke of how the United Way has helped the program go from 10 men in 2011 to 165 men in 2015.

"Men were once a disruptive force in our community, but now they are a healing force," Boggs said.

The United Way has aided in the graduation of

165 men from Recovery Point through its monetary support of over \$100,000 since 2011.

Aside from the programs in the community for which the United Way is responsible for uplifting, the United Way also fosters a community within its volunteers, donors and advocates. Retired Huntington pediatrician Dr. Ratcliff said his involvement with the United Way began many years ago when his wife was a volunteer for the Red Cross. Ratcliff said he served on the Commack Children's Board, a residential center for children and teens, for many years and used his profession to aid in the health and wellness of many young children who would not have been provided with the valuable resource had it not been for the United Way.

One of the mottos for the United Way sums up the power of giving and its ability to inspire others: Those who can do, do. Those who can do more, volunteer.

The 2015 goal is 97 percent complete. The United Way of the River Cities has raised \$966,000 of its \$1 million goal. July 1 is the end of the fundraising year for 2015 and donors of the United Way are confident this goal can be met.

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School of Medicine seniors find their match

By **LOGAN PARKULO**
THE PARTHENON

Fifty-eight of Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine fourth-year students learned where they will spend the next few years training during the National Resident Matching Program's (NRMP) annual Match Day.

The 58 graduating seniors were paired with graduate medical programs across the country ranging from family medicine, pediatrics and orthopedic surgery to emergency medicine. The medical programs that were paired with the seniors through the NRMP

will be where the students will train through their residencies for the next three to five years.

Earlier this year, four Marshall seniors were matched in the U.S. Military Match. Those seniors will spend their residency at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and Eisenhower Army Medical Center, among others.

"We are extremely proud of these soon-to-be graduates," said assistant dean of student affairs Amy Smith, M.Ed. "They will be heading to specialty programs at Dartmouth, Emory, Hershey Medical Center and the University of Chicago, as well as well-respected

primary care residencies here at Marshall University and West Virginia University."

Smith said the Marshall students have matched into excellent programs across the United States.

About half of the graduating class will be entering fields considered primary care in West Virginia. These include family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology and pediatrics, which will continue Marshall's mission of educating physicians for the nation's rural areas.

Approximately, 24 percent of students will continue their training in

West Virginia.

The residency match program begins fall 2016. Applications are then reviewed followed by candidate interviews through the fall and early winter. Generally in mid-winter, after the interview process is completed, applicants submit to the NRMP their rank order lists and then programs rank the applicants in order of preference.

A computerized algorithm matches applicants with programs using the preferences expressed on their ranked lists.

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Alpha Chi Omega Easter egg hunt rasies funds for charities

By **CARLI PLUTE**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Alpha Chi Omega and Alpha Sigma Phi will host its first Easter egg hunt Thursday.

"This is the first time we are doing this event," said Alpha Chi Omega member Marleigh Harbour. "We hope to get a good turn out so we can continue hosting this event for years to come."

The hunt costs \$6 per student with a Marshall ID and \$8 per adult.

While supporting the organization philanthropies, attendees will also have the chance to win \$100, \$50 and \$25 cash prize eggs.

Proceeds will go towards Alpha Sigma Phi's philanthropy RAINN (Rape Abuse and Incest National Network) and Alpha Chi Omega's philanthropy Branches Domestic Violence Shelter.

Students have the option of same day registration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday.

"This will be a fun event for students," said senior psychology major Morgan Clark. "I think it's a festive activity that will give students a break from studying for a few hours."

The hunt starts 5 p.m. on Buskirk Field.

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English professor discusses the trinity with UKirk students



NANCY PEYTON | THE PARTHENON

Marshall English professor Tim Burberry addressed UKirk students about understanding and enjoying the trinity Tuesday night at the Campus Christian Center.

By **NANCY PEYTON**
THE PARTHENON

A Marshall University English professor discussed how to understand and enjoy the

trinity with UKirk students Tuesday night at the Campus Christian Center.

Member of the First Presbyterian Church in Huntington Dr. Tim Burberry said he has

"My priest once told me, 'You have a better chance of filling a bucket with the ocean than ever understanding the trinity.' I was just thinking that I may never understand."

- Raisa Nuñez

enjoyed making West Virginia his home.

"We have adopted West Virginia as our home," Burberry said. "Coming from the west coast, I didn't even know where West Virginia was before I came here to work. My wife and I have loved being here."

Burberry said he has been learning a lot while teaching a class on the trinity at his church.

"I think the trinity is really practical," Burberry said. "I think it can really energize your prayer life and your Bible reading. Every Christian woman, every Christian man, every Christian child needs to know about the trinity."

Burberry said the trinity gives the community aspect to Christianity.

"From the start, God has been a community, has been a family," Burberry said. "The trinity gives us that community aspect. He's not just a person out there on his own."

Burberry emphasized why the

trinity is so crucial in the Christian faith.

"Love, communion, fellowship spills over," Burberry said. "God is working to bring us into the circle. It's an incredible way to share your faith and your story. There's a oneness there."

Sophomore Raisa Nuñez brought forth her concerns about trying to understand the trinity.

"My priest once told me, 'You have a better chance of filling a bucket with the ocean than ever understanding the trinity,'" Nuñez said. "I was just thinking that I may never understand."

Burberry addressed these types of analogies. Burberry said while they can be helpful, they can also sometimes make the trinity seem like a problem that needs solved.

"The analogies are helpful to a certain extent, but at some point they do break down," Burberry said. "There's almost a desperate quality. We almost end up treating the trinity as a problem, like it's a hard thing

that should be forgotten. It's unfortunate because it is so central."

Burberry said he feels the trinity can be helpful in all facets of an individual's faith, specifically in understanding specific scripture passages.

"It really can energize your Bible reading," Burberry said. "Once you start looking for it, it can be seen all over the place. Some people try to say that it's not a scriptural thing, but it's all over the place. Your Bible reading can really come to life with this concept."

Burberry said he enjoys being able to see God working in society.

"I've spent my life as a student and a teacher," Burberry said. "I really enjoy seeing God work in this community. I think the trinity is so important in today's society because it brings together unity and diversity, which is a beautiful thing."

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FBI iPhone solution may not necessarily crack other cases

By **SUDHIN THANAWALA, BREE FOWLER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The FBI's discovery of a way to hack into the phone of one of the San Bernardino killers may not be the master key that allows prosecutors across the country to unlock iPhones in hundreds of more ordinary criminal cases.

The FBI may not quickly share the technique it used with local law enforcement agencies, New York City Police Commissioner William Bratton said Tuesday. And even if it does, the hack may be too expensive for district attorneys' offices, Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. has said.

Also, technology experts said it is not at all certain whether the technique can work with other types of iPhones.

While the San Bernardino case involved an extremist attack Dec. 2 that killed 14 people, investigators across the U.S. are seeking access to iPhones in drug cases and other crimes, arguing that encryption features prevent them from gathering valuable information such as the identity of the person a victim last talked to or texted.

"This is really a victims' rights issue," said District Attorney Daniel Conley in Suffolk County, Massachusetts, which includes Boston. "A lot of people view this through a national security lens and that is important, but my job is to serve victims of crime, and a lot of them aren't going to get the opportunity for justice they deserve."

Conley said his office has more than 50 phones it has warrants for but can't crack.

Manhattan officials said they have at least 200 Apple devices inaccessible to prosecutors out of a total of 734 seized between October 2014 and February 2016. The devices were taken during investigations of attempted murder, child sexual abuse, sex trafficking, child pornography,

assault, robbery and identity theft.

"This isn't just an issue resonating in California or New York. The decision by these companies unilaterally to encrypt these devices and make them warrant-proof is going to have a significant impact on prosecutions around the country," Vance said in a recent interview.

Vance told Congress earlier this month that other district attorneys are facing similar challenges. He cited Harris County, Texas, saying the DA there last year encountered more than 100 encrypted Apple devices in cases involving human trafficking, street crime and sexual assault.

Vance said Chicago's Cook County cyber lab received 30 encrypted devices in a recent two-month span, and the Connecticut Division of Scientific Services has encountered 46 encrypted Apple devices.

The Justice Department declined through a spokeswoman to comment Tuesday.

But a law enforcement official said the FBI would continue to aid its local and state partners with gaining evidence in cases — implying that the method used in the San Bernardino case would be shared with them. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to publicly comment.

Vance and other law enforcement officials, though, have called for a federal law governing when a company can be forced to help authorities unlock a phone.

"A workable balance between privacy and public safety can only be set by Congress," he said in a statement Tuesday.

Bratton, too, said the FBI's success in breaking into gunman Syed Farook's iPhone without Apple's help does not do away with the need for a comprehensive solution.

"They may have dealt with this one," he said, "but there will be others coming down the pike very quickly."



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In this Friday, Sept. 25, 2015, file photo, an Apple iPhone 6s Plus smartphone is displayed at the Apple store at The Grove in Los Angeles. The FBI said Monday, March 28, 2016, it successfully used a mysterious technique without Apple Inc.'s help to hack into the iPhone used by a gunman in a mass shooting in California, effectively ending a pitched court battle between the Obama administration and one of the world's leading technology companies.

SPORTS

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Softball team splits doubleheader against Saint Francis

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Marshall University softball split its doubleheader with Saint Francis University Tuesday taking the first game 9-2 before dropping the second 4-0.

In the 9-2 victory, Jordan Dixon earned the win as the starting pitcher going the full seven innings, while allowing just three hits and two earned runs to go with eight strikeouts. It was Dixon's conference-leading 15th win of the season.

Dixon did her part on the mound, but she was backed by solid run support with catcher Taylor McCord leading the way at the plate going 3-3 and knocking in two RBIs.

McCord's offensive productivity was matched by center fielder Kaelynn Greene, who went 3-4 at the plate and scored two runs.

While McCord and Greene provided base runners, it was right fielder Raquel Escareno who played

the role of clean up duty as her three-run home run in the fifth inning gave Marshall a seven-run advantage heading into the latter innings.

"We started off fast there in game one and played so well," head coach Shonda Stanton said. "We had 12 hits. KG (Greene) and Elicia (D'Orazio) were big at the top, and Rocky (Escareno) with her senior leadership gave us a big hit. And, of course, Dixon was strong again in the circle. We did so many things well there in game one."

However, with a chance to secure the two-game sweep, Marshall's bats fell flat totaling just five hits in the shutout loss.

Greene maintained her offensive potency in the second contest, connecting for two hits and reaching base in all three of her at-bats, however, the rest of the team combined to muster just three hits in 20 at-bats as Marshall left eight batters on base

for the game.

St. Francis pitcher Ketarah DeVries delivered a gem on the mound, pitching a complete game while striking out seven batters in her sixth win of the season.

Marshall used a trio of pitchers with Ali Burdette pitching the majority of the innings. Burdette pitched 4.1 innings and allowed six hits and two earned runs over the course of 21 batters faced. Dixon followed up her strong performance in the first contest with a relief effort where she allowed three hits and earned run to go with four strikeouts in two innings pitched.

Marshall will hit the road 2 p.m. Saturday when it begins a three-game series with conference opponent University of Alabama at Birmingham. The Herd will then play Wright State University in a doubleheader next week, before returning to Dot Hicks Field April 9.



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Marshall University sophomore Elicia D'Orazio tags a player out last season during a game at Dot Hicks Field.

Marshall travels to Morehead State for midweek match



RYAN FISCHER | THE PARTHENON

Marshall University sophomore pitcher Fernando Guerrero throws a pitch during a game earlier this season.

By **BRITTANIE FOWLER**
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University baseball team (13-9) faces Morehead State University (15-9) Wednesday in the teams' second matchup of the season.

The Herd defeated the Eagles, 6-5, March 15 in 12 innings.

Junior Tommy Lane hit a walk-off home run in the 12th inning to catapult the Herd to its win over the Eagles.

In extra innings against Morehead State, Marshall was powered by strong pitching performances by freshmen Shane Downey and Wade Martin.

Martin made his first collegiate appearance against the Eagles, going two innings with three strikeouts and one hit allowed.

Downey also had a strong outing as he went one

inning with two strikeouts and allowed no hits.

While Marshall had seven different pitchers throw in the 12-inning game, starting freshmen pitcher Joshua Shapiro picked up the no decision with 4.1 innings pitched and two strikeouts.

Heston Van Fleet and Burris Warner each threw two innings and Sam Hunter and Tyler Ratliff combined for two-thirds of an inning pitched.

Martin picked up the win for the Herd, while the Eagles' Seth Boyle was handed his first loss of the season after facing Marshall.

After a competitive first matchup, pitcher JD Hammer said the team is looking forward to handing Morehead State another loss.

"We've been playing some great baseball lately as a team," Hammer said. "And we're really executing both offensively and defensively. Our bullpen has

been doing really well with runners on base and minimizing damage out there."

Van Fleet, who threw two innings against the Eagles during the teams' last outing, said he feels confident due to the team's performance this season.

"We're really excited even for this midweek game because we're coming off a great series win over FIU," Van Fleet said. "And we're just excited to get back out there and show everyone what kind of team we are this year."

Morehead State has 15 double-digit hit games this season and is batting .315 as a team. Seven players have batting averages over .300.

Wednesday's game is set for 4 p.m. at Allen Field in Morehead, Kentucky.

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Wasserman confident in team's future after impressive season

By **DANIELLE WRIGHT**
THE PARTHENON

After earning second place in the 200-yard butterfly at the Conference USA Championship last month, Marshall University swimmer Shir Wasserman said she feels as though she ended her freshman year on a high note.

Wasserman said she feels like the team had a great season, posting wins for the majority of its drill meets.

Wasserman said the future for the Herd appears bright as the team placed third at conference and has many of its players returning next season.

The team consisted of 25 members, the majority of which were underclassmen.

"Next year, I don't think second place is even up for discussion," Wasserman said. "We're going for first place. We're trying to win the conference championship."

The 6-foot-1 freshman traveled from her hometown in Yehud, Israel to join Marshall's swimming and diving program.

Wasserman said her enthusiasm helped with her transition to Marshall.

Wasserman said next year, she plans to develop her sprint performance as well as become more relaxed when swimming to perform better overall.

At the age of 5, Wasserman began learning how to swim as a safety precaution. A year later, coaches discovered her talent, and she has been competing ever since.

Wasserman said she is thankful for having a supporting team who motivates her and pushes her to excel.

"Before I came to college, music was a huge motivator for me," Wasserman said. "It would calm me down. Now that I started my college career, it has definitely been my team."

Wasserman said she enjoys knowing she has the team behind her to encourage her to succeed and helping her build her confidence going forward.

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EDITORIAL

Cruz takes stance for those not involved in the political race



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Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, speaks to supporters during a rally at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts in Brookfield.

Presidential hopeful Ted Cruz called former reality television star Donald J. Trump a sniveling coward after Trump threatened to "spill the beans" about Cruz's wife, Heidi.

The problem arose after Trump retweeted a post on his personal Twitter account comparing Heidi and Trump's third wife, Melania Trump.

"Let me be absolutely clear: our spouses and our children are off bounds," Cruz said.

In a race that is completely saturated with the most outlandish statements and claims made by those running on the Republican ticket, Cruz was courageous in his actions. It was as if Cruz's fuse had been burnt at both ends. Stepping up and defending his wife showed America Cruz may not be as much of a pushover as he's been made out to be.

Although most people in their right minds would consider a retweet as a sort of endorsement coming from someone so

directly in the spotlight, Trump's national spokeswoman Katrina Pierson debated Trump's repost was the opposite of an attack during an interview with CNN. "Mr. Trump didn't make the picture," Pierson said. "He retweeted a tweet because he said his wife is beautiful just the way she is. And since when did it become OK to attack a woman? What is the policy here? Is it OK to attack a woman, malign her character, impugn her dignity just because she's beautiful?"

Pierson's statement is a pretty bold one. Trump has continuously attacked women even before he started his bigoted, xenophobic march on the campaign trail.

It goes without saying the 2016 presidential race has been a carnival so far. Regardless of his political views, more people need to look up to Cruz for standing by his convictions and defending those who have nothing to do with the political side of the race.

COLUMN

XOXO, Michael Brown

By MICHAEL BROWN
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR

The readers submitted some questions about life, love and everything in between. I answered them as honest as I knew possible. I'm here to keep it real with you when no one else is and to answer with no judgment because I don't know you! I'm just a college junior who enjoys giving his opinion. Here are some of the questions I got this week:

What do you think would be a good first date idea?

I like the simple things. A first date in my opinion is all about getting to know one another. If the weather is nice you could get coffee and sit somewhere with a nice view. The weather has been really nice, so I'm thinking of tons of spring things you could do, like a quiet outside

lunch or picnic. Clearly all I'm thinking about is eating and drinking. Once you get to know one another start having some fun, maybe go bowling or go cart racing.

What are some fun and cheap things to do in Huntington?

As I think of things to do in Huntington, all I can think about is going out to eat and Pottery Place. I know you can find cheap places to eat, but I've never been to Pottery Place, so that I don't know about.

What are your favorite places to eat?

I love to eat! I love Ruby Tuesday, Outback and TGI Friday's. If you're talking locally I am in love with The Tortilla Factory, Fat Patty's and O' Charley's. I'm sure O' Charley's is a chain restaurant but I've only seen one around here.

How do I get hips like you?

You're funny. I don't know what to tell you. I got these from my mamma. My hips aren't something that I just got all of a sudden. I was big all my life and was eating really bad and then I was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and lost a lot of weight when I was 18. After that I just started to gain weight again and here I am.

Do you have any tips on how I can prevent stressing out at the end of the semester?

If I were talking to another upper classman, my response would be you tell me. I would love to know because I am the king of stressing myself out. If this is a freshman asking, then I would tell you to start the semester off strong and learn to manage your time wisely. You have

to learn to be your biggest motivator and to push yourself to do well and get things done. Remember to breath and do your best to relax.

To have your question answered you can drop them off in the labeled box in the Parthenon lab for next week or email them at parthenon@marshall.edu.

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